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VIA Electronic Filing

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service, MM Docket No. 99-325, Rel. Apr. 20, 2004; Public Interest Obligations of TV Broadcast Licensees, Notice of Inquiry, MM Docket No. 99-360; Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, MB Docket No. 03-15 (see also MM Docket Nos. 00-167, 00-168); Carriage of Digital Television Broadcast and Implementation of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act of 1999 – Amendments to Part 76 of the Commissions Rules, et. al., CS Docket No. 98-120 (see also CS Docket Nos. 00-96 and 00-2); Standardized and Enhanced Disclosure Requirements for Television Broadcast Licensee Public Interest Obligations, MM Docket No. 00-168)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this letter is to provide notice of an *ex parte* meeting regarding the above-referenced proceedings. On April 22, 2004, Amy Wolverton, Associate Legal Counsel and Media Program Director of the Campaign Legal Center and Sherri Higgins, Legal Intern for the Campaign Legal Center, met with Johanna Mikes Shelton, Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein's Legal Advisor for Media Issues.

Ms. Wolverton indicated CLC's intent to file comments in the Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) rulemaking urging the Commission to apply political broadcasting rules to digital audio broadcasting. The parties discussed the importance of ensuring proper sponsorship notification in the new digital media formats, both audio radio and television. In addition, with respect to disclosure, Ms. Wolverton argued that the Commission should require broadcasters to post political broadcast information on their websites. Also, while noting that CLC has not taken a formal position on multicast must-carry issues, Ms. Wolverton indicated that CLC is not currently inclined to demand rigid public interest requirement for each and every digital stream.

During the meeting, Ms. Wolverton reiterated her request that the Commission issue formal challenge to the broadcast and cable industries for increased voluntarily coverage of campaign and election issues. Finally, Ms. Wolverton informed Ms. Shelton that the CLC is beginning distribution of its *Campaign Media Guide* and provided copies of the guide to Ms. Shelton. (A copy of the guide is attached to this filing.)

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules, this *ex parte* notice is being electronically filed through the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System procedures. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-736-2200 should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

Amy R. Wolverton

Attachment

cc: Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
Johanna Mikes Shelton, legal advisor to Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein for media issues